GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN AWARDING D.T.H. CONTRACT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been committed in awarding D.T.H. contract of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the company to which D.T.H. contract has been awarded;

(c) whether a loss of Rs. 600 crore has been assessed on account of awarding the contract by the Doordarshan;

(d) if so, whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Prasar Bharati has informed that an order for supply and installation of Ku-band (DTH) Earth Station was placed on M/s Arraycom India Ltd., Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in January, 2004, at a cost of Rs.10.82 crore after inviting tender offers through global tender enquiry.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) to (f) : Does not arise.